

The True Northerner

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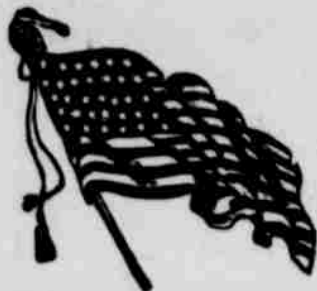
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OUR FLAG

"Liberty and Union, Now and For-
ever, One and Inseparable."

Isn't it about time that the Soldier Memorial committee got busy and announced their plans for the proposed County Memorial. It would be much better it seems to us to have the plans underway as the boys come home, than it would be to wait until taps are sounded for a goodly number of them. Get busy, men! What are you waiting for.

It will soon be time in normal republican townships in Van Buren county that have been accustomed to elect democratic supervisors from year to year, for such democratic candidates in their "Gum Shoe" campaign to tell their constituents just how much money their "Vigilance" has saved the tax payers of Van Buren county. We are wondering how they will explain the recommendation to the State Legislature for a law authorizing a raise of \$2.00 per day in Supervisors salary. There are twenty-one members of the Board in Van Buren county. Should this recommendation become a law, it would mean an expenditure of \$42.00 additional per day, while the board is in session. If the sessions last ten days each, and that would be a fair average this slight raise in salary would cost the tax payers of Van Buren county \$420.00 per session. There are two regular sessions per year, making an additional expenditure of \$840.00 per year, if their recommendation should be enacted into law. Quite an item, we would say, in a county where the self constituted "King Bee Guardians" of the county "Strong Box" are so "vigilant" in the matter of economy, and we are wondering just what their explanation will be during the campaign.

The question of a cement pavement joining the West Main street pavement and extending to the corporate limits of the village was discussed in these columns two weeks ago. If we are correctly informed a petition will soon be circulated to bring this question before the tax payers of the township at the April election. It will be remembered that this stretch of pavement was voted by the township meeting last year, but the work was not started for the very good reason that the Township Meeting had no jurisdiction. The True Northerner believes that the question of building this pavement should receive the favorable consideration of the entire township, when brought to a vote. Estimates made by competent road men place the cost of this pavement at approximately \$18,000. This would be for a twenty foot pavement as far as the bridge and sixteen feet wide from that point to the corporate limits. Of this sum, \$5,500 would come back to the township from the state, making the cost of the job about \$12,500. If this sum should all be raised in one year, it would require an assessment of a little less than five mills on the dollar, or \$5.00 on a thousand. But the money would probably be raised by the sale of bonds, the first payment of which would come due in three years, when the last of the Court House bonds were paid. Then by spreading the amount over a period of several years, the tax would be so small that it would scarcely be noticed. In any event, this stretch of road will have to receive attention next year, and an ordinary piece of work in gravel would cost in the neighborhood of five or six thousand. It would be short lived and the expense of cement would eventually have to come. It would seem then that a cement pavement is the economical thing to do, and that this year is the time.

Can it be possible after all that after all these years of strenuous effort for equal rights at the ballot, that the great majority of American women do not care for it. Inquiry at the township clerk's office as this is written, reveals the fact that scarcely more than fifty women in the township of Paw Paw have registered up to this date. True, it is several weeks yet before the Primary election, but caucuses are at hand, one (republican) on Saturday of this week, and another (democratic) probably the following week. If women are to exercise their full rights of citizenship, they must not only participate in the elections, but they must vote in the primary and attend the caucus of the political party with which they intend to affiliate. Of course it is a foregone conclusion that some women will avail themselves of their right to vote on every possible occasion; but the Equal Suffrage idea will become a farce and a joke, if the great majority of women in the state of Michigan are to be dominated by a few. The True Northerner has in the past advocated a law making the franchise obligatory, and we are still of the opinion, that the right to the ballot in elections, and the right to participate in caucuses and Primaries ceases to be a privilege, and should be considered a duty, to be enforced by law if necessary. It is conceded that many masculine voters are direct in their duty, and do not go to the polls many of them on election day, unless they are coaxed and coddled by some one with an automobile to draw them both ways over the road. This fact does not lessen the argument however so far as women are concerned. They have the opportunity now, that they have so long sought, and should lead the way. Let every action at Caucuses, Primary or Election be by a majority of all the voters, rather than by a small minority.

It hardly seems possible, but is a fact nevertheless that approximately \$15,000 of the \$75,000 war fund pledged by the citizens of Van Buren remains unpaid. The last installment of all subscriptions became due on or before the first day of December last, and there is no reason under the heavens why every cent of every subscription should not have been paid by that time. It is a sad commentary on any community, when citizens so soon forget a patriotic obligation to

their country. Every dollar of the full \$75,000 war fund is needed by Van Buren county to meet its war pledges and war activity allotments, and steps should be taken at once to collect the full amount from each subscriber unless there is some mighty good reason why the same cannot be paid. It is unfair, unjust and unpatriotic to allow some to shirk a financial obligation of this kind, while his neighbors who are less able to pay then he, come across to the limit of their subscription.

And now the boys are coming home. We see them every day on the village streets with their sweethearts, wives and mothers. We see them in the uniform of the army and we see them in the suits of the navy. Our boys who have drilled and waited in the camps over here and come home bearing the stings and disappointment, that they were not so fortunate as others. We should be very considerate to our boys who answered the call to the colors and were left waiting in the cantonments. Youth is very keen to feel the lost adventure. As we gather about the lad who heard the German cannons roar and felt the sting of gas and shell we are apt to forget that figure that stands on the edge of a crowd and inwardly curses the luck that left him marking time at home. Don't you ever forget that he, too, was ready, and that it was not his fault that he had no chance to go over the top.

The "Father and Son" banquet announced for next Tuesday evening should be a pleasant affair and a function productive of much good to this community. If there is any one thing needed in every community more than all else, it is a closer relation between father and son. Many a boy goes wrong, because his father has neglected to be his "Pal". A full understanding between father and son, with that mutual feeling of full confidence and reliance, will soften the lines and wrinkles in the Old Man's face and help to make the boy a really manly man. Let us all boost for the "Father and Son" idea then, and make the evening worthy of the name.

The prospective Paper Mill for Paw Paw is worth going the limit for. Not a stone should be left unturned in the effort to land it.

HOW TO VOTE BY MAIL At Any And All Elections

Who are Entitled to Vote by Mail
(Excerpts from Chapter XII.)

Act No. 203, Public Acts of 1917.)

The term "Absent Voter" shall be taken to mean any qualified elector, who is absent or who expects to be absent from the township or ward in which he resides, on the day of any election or official primary election, and who is

(1) A person in the actual service of the United States, or of this State, or

(2) A student while in attendance at any institution of learning, or

(3) A regularly enrolled member of any citizens' military or naval training camp, held under the government of the United States or the State of Michigan, or

(4) A member of the Legislature while in attendance at any session of the Legislature, or

(5) A commercial traveler, or

(6) A person employed upon or in the operation of railway trains in this State, or

(7) A sailor engaged or employed on the great lakes or in coastwise trade.

The term "commercial traveler" shall be taken to mean a person engaged in soliciting the sale of goods, by the exhibition of samples, or by catalogue or other device, for the purpose of effecting such sales and taking orders for goods to be subsequently shipped by his employer.

How Voter Should Proceed

Any voter coming within the provisions given above, expecting to be absent from his Ward, Township, or Village on the date of any election, and desiring to vote by mail at said election must make application either in person or by mail to the undersigned Clerk for a blank form to be filled out by said voter so as to constitute an application in proper form, for ballots to be voted at said election. If this request be made by mail, it may be in the following form:—

To the Clerk of the City, Village or Township of.....

Please mail to my address given below, a suitable blank form for use in making application for ballots to be voted by myself in the.....

(Give name of township, village or city, as the case may be.)

State of Michigan, 1919, under the provisions of Chapter XII. Act No. 203, Public Acts of 1917.

My name..... Address.....

When to Make Application
To Clerk For Ballots

Application for ballots on the form provided by the Clerk can be made at any time Within Thirty Days prior to the date of election, provided it reaches said Clerk not later than the Second Day preceding the election.

Upon receipt of the blank application form, the voter must fill it out fully and completely and mail same to the Clerk at the address given below, or deliver in person to said Clerk.

Clerk to Mail Initialed

Ballots to Applicant

As soon as the ballots are printed the Clerk will mail immediately to said applicant, the ballot or ballots to be voted by said applicant at said election, or deliver the same in person, provided the applicant is duly registered.

How Voter Should Prepare Ballot

Upon receipt of such ballot or ballots, the absent voter shall mark it or them in accordance with the printed instructions and shall fold and enclose it or them in the envelope provided therefor and after sealing the envelope, he shall fill out, sign and swear to the affidavit printed on the back thereof before a notary public or other person authorized to administer oaths. The absent voter shall then place on the envelope the necessary postage and deposit it in the postoffice or in some government receptacle provided for the deposit of mail matter. This must be done sufficiently early so that the ballot will reach the Clerk in time to be delivered by him to the Board of Election Inspectors before the close of the polls on election day.

When Absent Voter, Returning, Can Vote In Person

No absent voter returning to his place of residence, will be prohibited from voting in person within his precinct, notwithstanding that he may have made application for an absent voters' ballot or ballots and the same may have been mailed by the said Clerk: Provided, That such voter has not availed himself of the privilege of an absent voter, as provided by this act, and voted the ballot or ballots mailed him by the said Clerk, and provided he return such ballot or ballots, if received, to the Board by whom same shall be marked "cancelled" and placed in the regular ballot boxes with other ballots.

Any voter voting at any election

both in person and by means of an absent voter's ballot, or who shall attempt so to vote, shall, on conviction, be deemed guilty of a felony.
Harold D. Spicer Clerk of the said Village of Paw Paw.
My P. O. address is Paw Paw, Michigan.
Dated, February 3rd, A. D. 1919.
My office is located at 226 E. Main St.

RESOLUTION

Whereas, Act. No. 203 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1917 imposes on Township Boards certain duties relative to the dividing of townships into two or more election precincts and whereas the township of Paw Paw is now composed of a single election precinct, and whereas Woman suffrage has passed, and their right to vote indicates a much increased vote at succeeding elections, and whereas upon examination of the Register of Electors the number of electors registered at this date indicates a vote in said township much exceeding the 600 votes as prescribed by law, and for other reasons two precincts are necessary; Therefore by virtue of the authority vested in said Township Board by said law it is resolved and ordered that commencing with the April or Spring election of the year 1919 there shall be two or more precincts in said Township of Paw Paw and it is hereby adjudged that there are two precincts in said Township of Paw Paw.

Precinct Number One shall embrace all territory in said township North of the center of the Territorial road,

so called, said road beginning on Section 12 in said Township, and ending on Section 18 in said township. Precinct Number Two shall embrace all territory in said township south of the center of the Territorial road, so called, said road beginning on Section 12, and ending on Section 18 in said township. And the voters residing in their respective precincts shall present themselves at such places as may from time to time be prepared and designated within such territory for voting and election purposes.

The Township Clerk is hereby instructed to publish this notice in The True Northerner and Free Press and Courier, once each week for at least two weeks.

This resolution was adopted and passed this 30th day of January 1919 at a meeting of the Township Board of said Township duly called and held pursuant to law.

Roy L. Tuttle, Supervisor
F. V. Hodges, Clerk
Earl L. Burhans
Wm. H. Mason, Justice of the Peace.
By F. V. Hodges,
Township Clerk.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School ----- 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship ----- 11:00 A. M.
Christian Endeavor ----- 6:00 P. M.
Prayer Meeting Thursday 7:30 P. M.
Choir practice Friday night at 8:00 P. M. at the home of Henry Shafer.
Next Sunday is Men and Boys asked to be present.
Sunday, and all men and boys are

To Daddy:

"And as I think of you, Daddy Dear
Of years you toiled for me
Of the patient, tender, loving care
You gave unstintingly,
My heart is filled with reverent love
For you my dear old dad,
My chum, companion, father, friend,
The best any boy ever had."

FEBRUARY 11 TO 17 IS NATIONAL FATHER AND

Son Week, a week in which Father and Son get together—talk things over; a week for the father to take stock of his boy—his future—his ambitions. One of the most important factors contributing to the success of that boy is a proper banking connection.

SUPPOSE YOU HAVE A HEART TO HEART TALK

with your son along the following lines:

"THERE ARE THREE KINDS OF BANKS, STATE,

National and Private. You should select a bank which is permanently organized and incorporated and which will not die. There is the old Paw Paw Savings Bank on the corner; behind it is a record of 33 years of service and safety. It has weathered the panics of peace and the stress of war; it has housed the savings of your grandfather and your father. As it has served the needs of the past generation, so it will meet the increasing demands of the present generation. It is incorporated under the banking laws of the State of Michigan and has a 30 year charter. It is a member of the Federal Reserve System, and thus combines the security of government and state supervision. Son, at the old Paw Paw Savings Bank you will find a welcoming human interest. You will like the courteous spirit in which you are served."

TUESDAY NIGHT AT 6 O'CLOCK, FEBRUARY 11,

1919, a 'Father and Son Banquet' will be given at the Coterie Club House. We will give a Banquet Ticket to every boy who adds \$5.00 to his savings account at this bank, or who opens a savings account for \$5.00 or more on or before February 11, 1919.

HAVE YOUR SON OPEN AN ACCOUNT AT THIS

Bank. It will draw interest at 4%. It will grow so fast he will be surprised. He will become familiar with the ways of banking.

Paw Paw Savings Bank

January Clearance Sale!

Our inventory just completed has revealed many odd lots of goods in all lines that must be closed out. These are put on sale at prices that represent about one-half their present values. Many desirable remnants of wool goods in skirt and dress lengths, worth \$1.50 to \$2.50 per yard, closing at from 50c to \$1.00. Remnants of Silk Poplins, Cotton Poplins, Curtain Goods, Percales, Outing Flannels, Ginghams, etc.

Shoes and Rubbers

Our spring lines of Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes are now being shown.

Women's and Growing Girls' Shoes in brown calf with cloth top and low military heel, an exceptionally good street and school shoe at per pr. \$4.00

Women's and Growing Girls' Shoes in browns and black, in the new military and Louis heels, specially priced now at per pr. \$4.50, \$5, \$6, up to \$7.50

Children's brown calf Shoes on the new lasts at \$3, \$3.50

Men's black English, a neat and serviceable shoe at \$3.50

Men's brown Shoes now selling at \$4.50 to \$8.00

Boys' brown English last Shoes at, per pr. \$3.50

Coats

We still have a good selection of Women's Coats offered at prices that can not be beat. Our January price is to be still further cut and we are now offering the choice of any coat in the store at One-Third the original price.

This means you have a good appearing and serviceable coat for the unheard price of \$6.66 for a \$10.00 coat up to \$23.34 for a \$35.00 coat.

Children's Coats, age 3 to 6, at \$1.95, the 1-3 off on all coats from \$3.50 and up.

Children's Coats, age 6 to 14, are all offered at One-Third off

Dress Goods

All Dress Ginghams, many new patterns, formerly selling at 35c to 45c, now reduced to 30c, 35c, 40c

Apron Check Ginghams, reduced to, per yard 25c

36 inch Bleached Muslin, former price 28c, reduced to per yard (10 yds to customer) 21c

Cambrie, full width, good quality bleached, worth 30c, reduced to, per yard 24c

Lonsdale and Berkley Cambrie, worth 39c, reduced to per yard 29c

Nainsookes and Long Cloth, all at generous reductions.

36 inch Honest Width, unbleached Muslin, an extra quality family cotton for use, worth 28c, at per yard 23c

Rugs and Linoleums

6 foot wide Linoleum, Armstrong's best quality, specially priced at per yard \$1.10

12 foot wide Armstrong's best quality Linoleum at per yard \$1.25

9x12 Brussels Rugs in fine line of patterns, worth today \$35.00, going at, each \$25.00

9x12 Geneva Seamless Axminsters, two very select patterns, worth today \$75.00 each, for any one wishing a strictly high grade serviceable Rug this is a great opportunity. We offer these Rugs at the very special price of \$50.00

Our entire line of Brussels, Velvets and Axminsters are being offered at corresponding low prices.

F. R. AVERY